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TSUTOMU NISHIWATOKO, ET AL.) : Examiner: Quana M. Grainger
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For: DRIVING-FORCE) : Notice of Allowance: December 20, 2005
TRANSMITTING PART,)
ELECTROPHOTOGRAPHIC)
PHOTOSENSITIVE DRUM,)
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IMAGE FORMING)
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Second Request for Entry of December 2, 2003 Amendment After Allowance

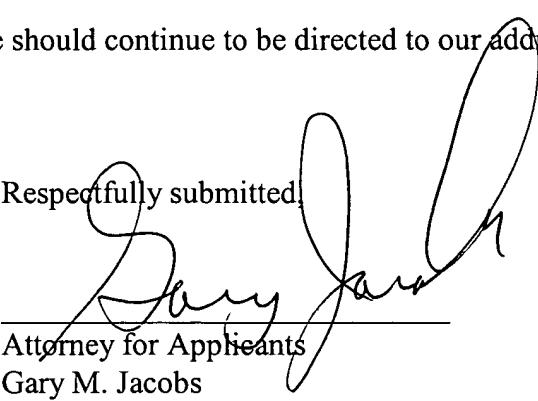
Sir:

Applicants filed an Amendment After Allowance on December 2, 2003 and subsequently filed a Request for Continued Examination on January 5, 2004, requesting entry of the December 2, 2003 Amendment After Allowance. But, to date, Applicants have not received any paper from the Patent Office formally entering the December 2, 2003 Amendment.

2003 Amendment.

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Comment on Statement of Reasons for Allowance

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The Statement of Reasons for Allowance that accompanied the December 20, 2005

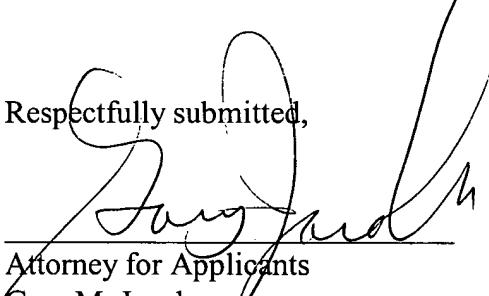
Notice of Allowance states that “The claims are allowable over the prior art of record because the prior art of record does not teach or suggest a driving-force transmitting part which is integrally formed comprising a coupling portion, a gear portion for driving the developing roller, a second

gear portion formed between the coupling gear and the gear portion for driving the transfer roller; a shaft portion, and a non-circular twisted protrusion.”

But independent Claims 1, 7, 13, 19, 20, 26, 32, and 38 do not recite a “coupling gear”. In addition, independent Claims 1, 7, 13, and 19 do not recite a “non-circular twisted protrusion” or a “shaft portion”. Further, independent Claims 20, 26, 32, and 38 do not recite a “gear portion” or a “second gear portion”, and independent Claim 32 does not recite a “coupling portion”. Nevertheless, these claims are allowable for the unique combination of features recited therein.

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